Medical Professional Liability Insurance Claims Online User Manual

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Summary

To further assist our patrons, Medical Professional Liability Insurance Claim reports can now be created, updated, and closed online through DIFP Medical Professional Liability Insurance Claim Portal. This tutorial guides users through the online system for account creation, account management, and claim management. This guide does not provide information about claim requirements or regulations.

Site Address

https://apps.difp.mo.gov/profliab

Account Management

Users require an approved account to create, update or close claims. New users must create an account and received approval prior to creating, updating, or closing claims. Existing users will need to sign in to manage their account information.

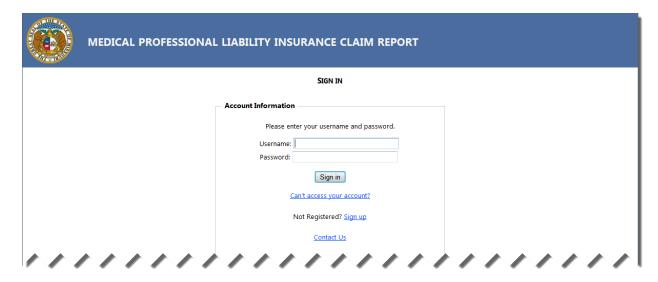
Account Registration

Required Information: Users will need to create and/or provide the following information when registering for an account with DIFP:

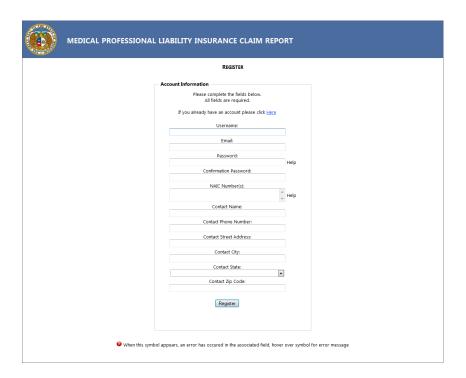
- Create a User Name
- Provide a valid Email Address
- Create a Password
- Provide valid NAIC number(s)
- Provide Contact Name
- Provide Contact Phone Number
- Provide Contact Address Information

Registration Process

New users must register with DIFP to gain access to the application. Begin the account creation process by navigating to the Medical Professional Liability Insurance Claim portal located on the internet at https://apps.difp.mo.gov/profliab.



Once you navigate to the site, in the middle of the screen on the 'Sign In' page, click the hyperlink titled **Sign up**. The hyperlink will redirect you to the Registration Page.



Complete the information requested on the form:

Username: Create and type your username in the textbox provided. Your username can be your email address, company name, personal name, etc.

Email: Provide a valid email address in the textbox provided. After creating your account, you will receive emails pertaining to your account and claims. Be sure to keep this information updated.

Password: Create a password, which consists of at least eight characters. Include at least one upper case letter; one lower case letter; and one number or special character. Type the password you created into the textbox provided.

Confirmation Password: Retype your password into the 'Confirmation Password' text box to verify the password match. If the passwords do not match, please correct any errors or typos.

NAIC Number(s): Provide your NAIC number(s) in the textbox provided. <u>Separate multiple</u> <u>codes with a comma.</u> This is a five-digit pre-assigned code provided by the NAIC NUMBER to insurance companies. *Self-insured entities need to contact the DIFP for an assigned number.

Contact Name: Enter the account contact name.

Contact Phone Number: Enter the primary phone number for the account in which you are registering.

Contact Street Address: In the text box provided, enter the street address for which the account will be register.

Contact City: Enter the name of the city for the account in which you are registering.

Contact State: From the drop down menu, select the state associated with the address provided above.

Contact Zip Code: Enter the zip code associated with the address provided above.

After you have entered all the requested information, click the **Register** button to continue with account creation. The depiction of a red 'x' next to a field indicates an error associated with field requirements. Follow prompts provided to correct online registration inconsistencies or errors.



After selecting the *Register* button, the webpage redirects to the Registration Complete page. You will also receive an email notification verifying your registration.



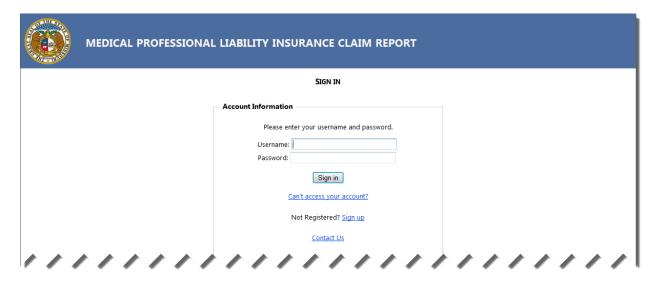
It is important to note that processing registrations can take up to 48-72 hours before account approval. You will receive a confirmation email, once the account is accepted.

Contact Information Updates

It is important to keep your contact information up-to-date, login into the account to manage account settings. You can change your password, email account, and contact information online through the account settings option. The system automatically approves updates immediately but account changes process nightly.

To login, provide your username and password.

• If you forget your account login information, you may request your information sent to your onfile email address by selecting the "Can't access your account?" link.



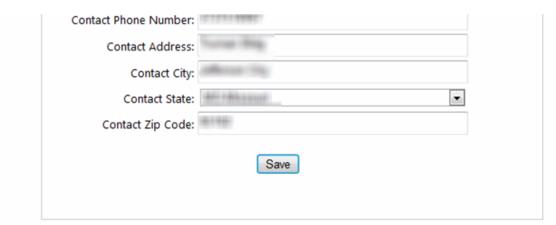
Once you login, the page redirects to the portal homepage. From the portal homepage, you can navigate to your account settings; open, update, and modify a claim; and get DIFP contact information.



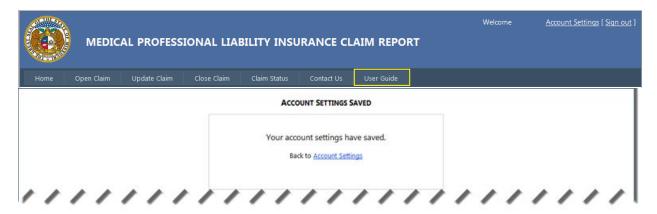
From the homepage, navigate to Account Settings link at the top right of the page. The webpage redirects to the Account Settings pages.

Complete any necessary changes. If you need to adjust your NAIC number(s), please contact the DIFP office directly.

Once your changes are complete, click the Save button.



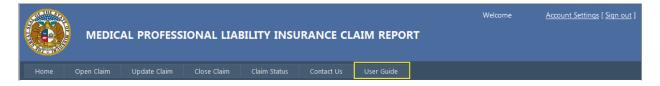
Your changes will be saved and the page will redirect to a webpage confirming changes to your account. You will also receive an email notification, informing you that your account settings were successfully changed.



Claims Management

Claims management assists clients with a more convenient and easier method to report, update, and close Medical Professional Liability Insurance claims.

From the portal homepage, you can select one of the following options to manage claims:



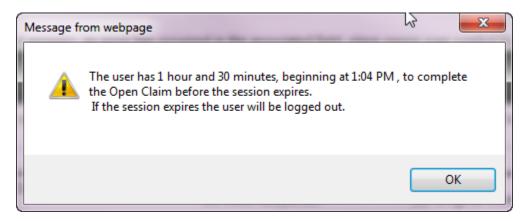
- Open Claim
 - o Opens online form for new claim creation
- Update Claim
 - Used to modify an existing claim
- Close Claim
 - Used to close an existing claim

Create a Claim

To create a claim, select the *Open Claim* from the menu bar. When you select the *Open Claim* option, the page redirects to the claim creation form.

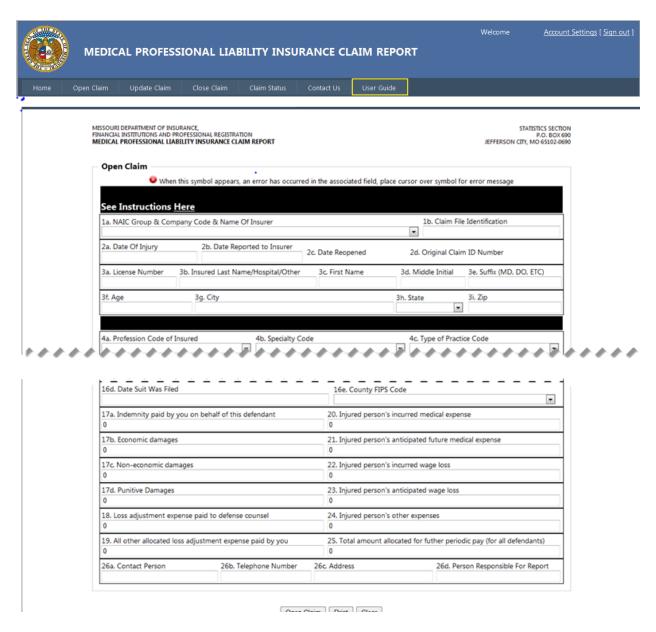


When you open the form, a prompt will immediately notify you that you have three hours to complete the form before your session expires.



Complete all required fields before submitting the form. For your convenience, a hyperlink to form instructions is provided at the top of the form titled *Here*.

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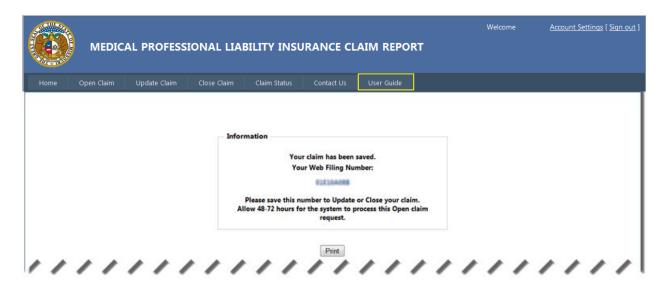
Once you complete the form, click the *Open Claim* button at the bottom of the page.

At any time during form completion, you may print the form from the button located at the bottom of the page titled **Print**.

To remove data entered into the form, select the *Clear* button located at the bottom of the page.

After you submit your claim, the page will redirect to the *claim submission* page that will provide you with your claim filing number.

Be sure to keep this number, it will be useful in the future when you modify or close your claim. Please note that it may take between 48 to 72 hours to complete claim processing.

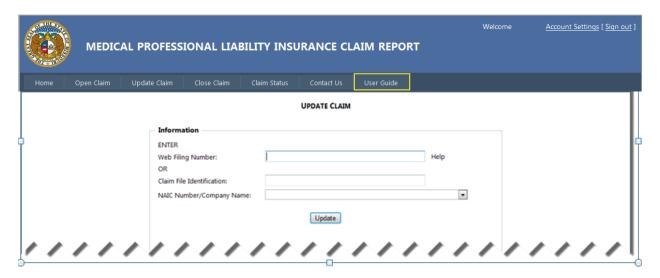


Update a Claim

Update claims using the Update Claim menu. The system **only** updates claims from this menu. Users cannot create or close claims from this menu. To perform other tasks, please select the appropriate tab choice, Open Claim or Close Claim. To update a claim, select **Update Claim** from the menu bar.

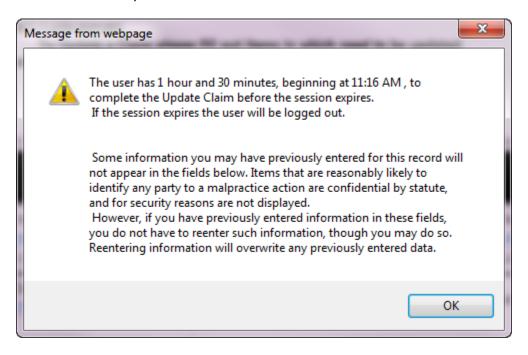


On the claim update page, you will need to provide your *web filing number*, or *claim file identification* and your *NAIC Number*. Select the NAIC Number in which the account is associated with from the drop down menu.



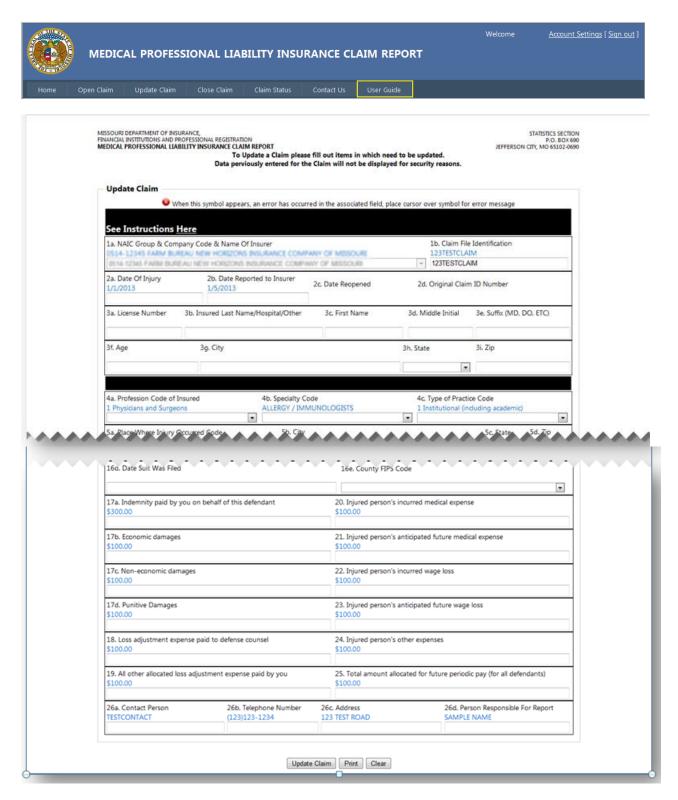
After you entered/selected the required information, select the *Update* button to retrieve your claim.

After the user selects the *Update* button, the system will generate a message informing users of time limit constraints and data entry details.

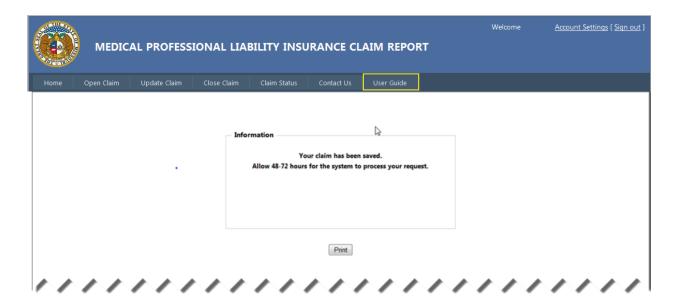


The system will retrieve your record and display some previously entered data in blue lettering above the corresponding field (pictured below). Some information you may have previously entered for this record will not appear in the fields below. Items that are reasonably likely to identify any party to a malpractice action are confidential by statute, and for security reasons are not displayed. However, if you have previously entered information in these fields, you do not have to reenter such information, though you may do so. Reentering information will overwrite any previously entered data.

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After you have made changes to the claim, click the *Update Claim* button. The system will display a confirmation page and notice that the process to update may require 48 - 72 hours to complete.

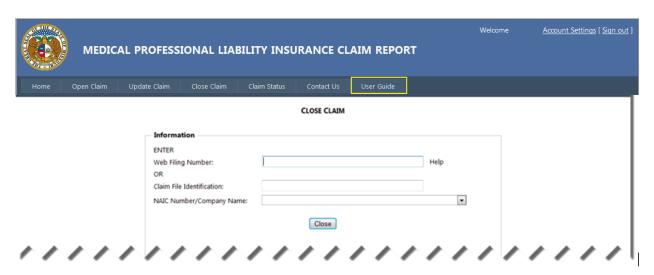


Close a Claim

Close a claim using the *Close Claim* menu. To close a claim, select *Close Claim* from the menu bar.

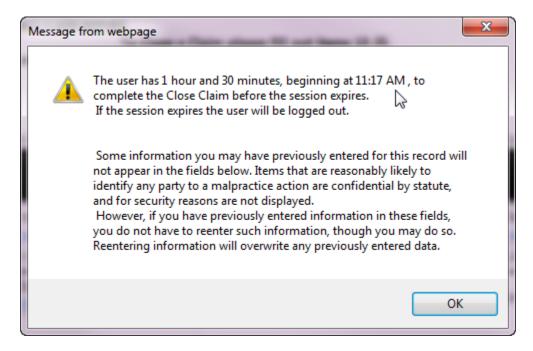


On the close a claim page, you will need to provide your *web filing number*, or *claim file identification* and your *NAIC Number*. Select the NAIC Number in which the account is associated with from the drop down menu.

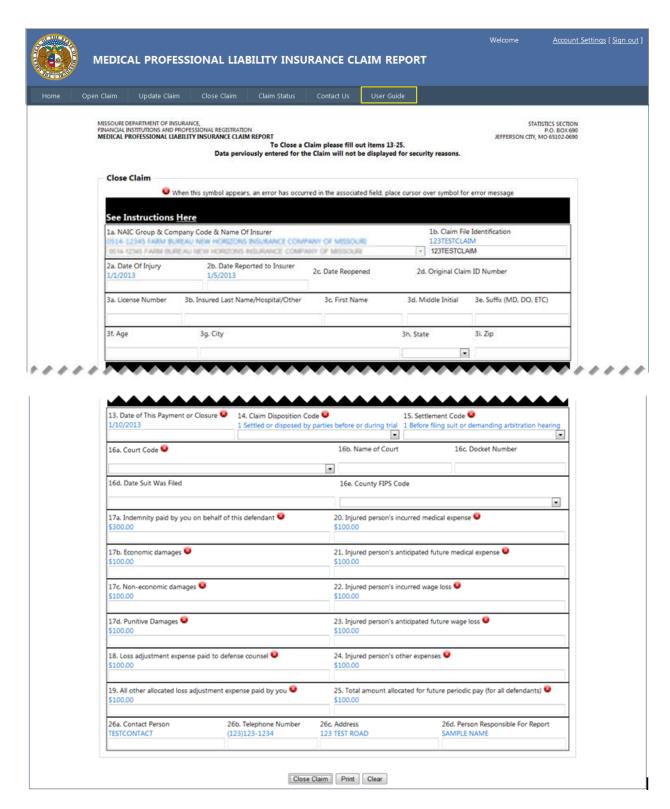


After you entered/selected the required information, select the *Close* button to begin required data entry to close your claim.

After the user selects the *Close* button, the system will generate a message informing users of time limit constraints and data entry details.

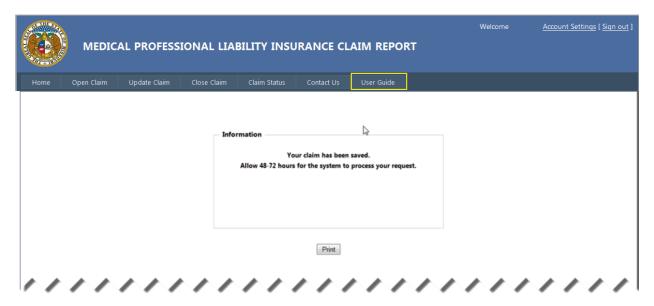


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You should notice from the above picture, that several fields are required before you can fully close the claim. The system will flag fields requiring additional attention with a red 'x' ($^{\mathbf{W}}$).

After you have made changes to the claim, click the *Close Claim* button. The system will display a confirmation page and notice that the process to update may require 48 - 72 hours to complete.



Claim Status

Check claim status using the Claim Status menu. The system **only** lists the status of claims from this menu. Users cannot create, update or close claims from this menu. To perform other tasks, please select the appropriate tab choice, Open Claim, Update Claim or Close Claim. To check the status of a claim, select *Claim Status* from the menu bar.

- Opened Claims
 - Displays open claims
- Closed Claims
 - Displays closed claims



From the Status drop-down selection field, choose Opened Claims. Select the **Show** button and the system will display one of the following screens based upon your selection(s) and the data returned based on those selections.



From the Status drop-down selection field, choose Closed Claims. Then select the Payment/Closure Year, for example, 2010. Select the **Show** button and the system will display one of the following screens based upon your selection(s) and the data returned based on those selections.

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Closed Claims older than five years

Note that if the closed claim is older than five years it will not be included in the information displayed for Closed Claims. As indicated, for Closed Claims older than five years, please contact the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration, Statistics Section, by email at medprof@insurance.mo.gov.

Contact Us

Contact the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration, Statistics Section, for help with claims by mail at 301 West High Street at Jefferson City, MO 65101 or by email at medprof@insurance.mo.gov.

User Guide

This User Guide can be obtained from the *User Guide* menu as well as from the DIFP web site at http://insurance.mo.gov/industry/filings/stats/MedicalProfLiability_UserGuide_External.pdf

Logout

Before closing the application, be sure to logout. To logout, select the Sign Out hyperlink at the top right corner of the page. Upon successful logout, the system redirects you to a confirmation page.